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Dear Senator Javits:

I am pleased to reply to your communication of October 27, requesting on behalf of [] b6 information concerning Uruguayan Senator Enrique Erro.

Senator Erro is in detention in Argentina. He was arrested in March 1975. To the Department's knowledge, formal charges have not been brought against him.

The former Senator left Uruguay in 1973. On April 25 of that year, President Bordaberry of Uruguay requested the Uruguayan Senate to remove Erro's immunity because of a military judicial investigation and resultant charges that he had supported the MLN-Tupamaro terrorist movement. Conflict over the removal of Erro's immunities was reportedly the principal cause precipitating the closure of the Uruguayan legislature in 1973 by the Executive and the military.

Erro apparently acknowledged to the Senate that he had contact with Tupamaro suspects but never subversive involvement.

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has discussed the Erro case informally with the Argentine Foreign Ministry. We also understand the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is actively interested in this case.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence Returned.

The Honorable
Jacob K. Javits,
United States Senate.

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